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Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Conditions of the District for the year 1955.

The vital statistics are satisfactory. For the seventh consecutive year no deaths from puerperal causes are recorded, and once more the infant mortality rate is nil.

Infectious disease presented little problem. The expected epidemic of measles resulted in 129 notified cases.

A notable event of the year was the offering of BCG vaccination to children of school leaving age.

An assessment was made during the year of the slum clearance problem. The number of houses involved is small, but this conceals to some extent a larger number of houses defective in one or more respects, and which will ultimately require action to secure improvement.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

R. W. KIND.

Medical Officer of Health

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Area, in acres	2,529
Number of inhabited houses, including shops, etc. with housing accommodation (end of 1955)..	2,292
Number of Local Authority houses	252
Rateable Value (1st April, 1955)	£56,655
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£234

POPULATION:

1955 Registrar-General's Estimate 6,880

TABLE showing the changes in population during the past ten years:

1946	5637	1951	6244
1947	5720	1952	6183
1948	5802	1953	6253
1949	6070	1954	6410
1950	6273	1955	6880

BIRTHS:

			1954	1955
Live Births -	Legitimate	Male	44	45
		Female	41	64
		Total	85	109
	Illegitimate	Male	2	3
		Female	2	4
		Total	4	7
	TOTAL LIVE BIRTHS	Male	46	48
		Female	43	68
		Total	89	116

Stillbirths - There were no stillbirths during 1955.

Birthrate per 1,000 estimated population:

	1954	1955
Oadby	12.3	16.8
England and Wales	15.2	15.0

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

TABLE showing numbers of births and birth rates during the past ten years:-

YEAR	Number of Births OADBY			Birth rate per 1,000 population		
	Legit-imate	Illegit-imate	Total	Oadby	Leicester-shire	England and Wales
1946	92	5	97	17.2	20.6	19.1
1947	86	1	87	15.2	21.2	20.5
1948	75	4	79	13.6	18.84	17.9
1949	107	3	110	18.1	17.35	16.7
1950	84	5	89	14.1	16.17	15.8
1951	92	4	96	15.3	16.02	15.5
1952	95	4	99	16.0	15.67	15.3
1953	87	3	90	14.3	15.43	15.5
1954	85	4	89	12.3	14.51	15.2
1955	109	7	116	16.8	14.78	15.0

DEATHS:

		1954	1955
Total number of deaths ...	Male	29	38
	Female	34	47
	Total	63	85
Death rate per 1,000 ...	Oadby	9.6	12.3
Estimated population	England & Wales	11.3	11.7

YEAR	TOTAL DEATHS	Death Rates (per 1,000 population)		
		OADBY	Leicester-shire	England and Wales
1946	48	8.5	10.7	11.5
1947	73	12.7	11.3	12.0
1948	55	9.4	9.77	10.8
1949	65	10.7	10.68	11.7
1950	78	12.4	10.28	11.6
1951	71	11.3	10.74	12.5
1952	71	11.4	10.06	11.3
1953	53	8.4	10.05	11.4
1954	63	9.6	10.29	11.1
1955	85	12.3	10.59	11.7

Deaths from puerperal causes

For the seventh consecutive year there were no deaths from puerperal causes.

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age

There were no deaths of infants under one year of age

CAUSES OF DEATHS

REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S CLASSIFICATION	1954			1955		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	1	2	3	-	3
2. Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-	-	-	-
3. Syphilitic disease	-	1	1	-	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections	-	-	-	-	-	-
7. Acute poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-
8. Measles	-	-	-	-	-	-
9. Other infective & parasitic diseases	-	-	-	-	-	-
10. Malignant neoplasm, Stomach	1	2	3	1	-	1
11. " " Bronchus & Lung	2	-	2	2	1	3
12. " " Breast	-	4	4	-	2	2
13. " " Uterus	-	-	-	-	1	1
14. Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasm	3	4	7	2	-	2
15. Leukaemia and aleukaemia	1	-	1	-	-	-
16. Diabetes	-	-	-	-	-	-
17. Vascular lesions of the nervous system	4	7	11	5	7	12
18. Coronary disease and agina	4	3	7	9	5	14
19. Hypertension with heart disease ..	-	1	1	1	-	1
20. Other heart disease	5	4	9	5	16	21
21. Other circulatory disease	1	3	4	1	-	1
22. Influenza	-	-	-	1	2	3
23. Pneumonia	2	3	5	1	3	4
24. Bronchitis	-	-	-	-	-	-
25. Other diseases of the respiratory system	-	-	-	-	-	-
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ..	1	1	2	-	-	-
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-	-	1	1	2
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	1	-	1	-	-	-
29. Hyperplasia of prostrate	-	-	-	-	-	-
30. Pregnancy, childbirth and abortion	-	-	-	-	-	-
31. Congenital malformations	-	-	-	-	-	-
32. Other defined & ill-defined diseases	1	-	1	2	5	7
33. Motor vehicle accidents	1	-	1	1	-	1
34. All other accidents	1	-	1	1	3	4
35. Suicide	-	-	-	2	-	2
36. Homicide and operations of war ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL (all causes)	29	34	63	38	47	85

PREVENTION OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASE

IMMUNISATION

During the year sixty children received primary immunisation against diphtheria whilst a further fifty received injections to maintain their immunity.

TUBERCULOSIS

During the year three new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified, two cases came to reside in the District, and a further case came to notice by reason of registration of death. Two cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis also came to reside in the District.

There were three deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis during the year.

At the close of the year there were residing in this District 25 cases of pulmonary and 20 cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis.

BCG vaccination was offered to children of school leaving age for the first time in 1955. 8 boys and 9 girls accepted it.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Notified cases of measles totalled 129 of which 116 cases occurred during the second quarter of the year.

Also notified were 10 cases of dysentery, 7 cases of whooping cough, and one case of scarlet fever.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

I am indebted to Mr. J. G. Davies, Sanitary Inspector, for most of the following information relating to the sanitary circumstances of this area.

WATER SUPPLY

The Leicester Corporation water mains are laid throughout the District, and from them a total of 2,339 houses have an internal piped supply. A further 68 houses have access to this water by means of standpipes.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Sewage is dealt with at the Council's Sewage Farm. A total of 2,749 water closets exist in the District, leaving only 12 premises relying on pails.

At the close of the year there were 36 cesspools in use, 4 existing cesspools having been abolished, and 2 new ones constructed during the year.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

House refuse is collected at weekly intervals by the Council's staff, and is disposed of by controlled tipping adjacent to the Sewage Works.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

Total number of complaints received during the year ..	60
Total number of defects or nuisances discovered ..	56
Total number of inspections made:-	
Animal keeping	Nil
Bakehouses	2
Dairies	Nil
Drainage Works	1238
Dwelling Houses (all purposes)	205
Food premises	23
Rodent Control	43
Refuse collection and disposal	50
Schools	Nil
Shops	31
Slaughterhouse and meat inspections	318
Water supplies	Nil
Workshops, etc.	Nil
Verminous and dirty premises	Nil
Other inspections	48
Total inspections	1958

NOTICES SERVED DURING THE YEAR

Preliminary	Housing	Public Health
Outstanding on 1st January 1955	Nil	Nil
Issued during 1955	Nil	41
Complied with during 1955	Nil	40
Statutory action necessary	Nil	2
Outstanding on 31st December 1955	Nil	1

No summary action was taken during the year.

PREMISES AND OCCUPATIONS WHICH CAN BE CONTROLLED BY BYELAWS AND REGULATIONS

Camping Sites: There are no camping sites in the area, and no licences have been issued.

Swimming Bath: Filtration and chlorination plant has been in regular use. Four inspections were made during 1955.

Verminous Premises: No infestations were discovered during the year.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The refuse tip and all other sources of complaint are regularly treated by the Rodent Officer who is employed jointly with the Wigston Urban District Council.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951
RAG, FLOCK, & OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951

No premises are concerned with the operation of these Acts.

SHOPS ACT, 1950

No action was taken under the provisions of Section 38 of the Act during 1955.

HOUSING ACT, 1936 : PARTS II and III

HOUSING REPAIRS AND RENTS ACT, 1954 : SECTION I

SLUM CLEARANCE PROGRAMME.

Part 1. The total problem.

(a) Estimated number of houses unfit for human habitation within the meaning of section 9 of the Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954, and suitable action under section 11 or Section 25 of the Housing Act, 1936. ..33..

(b) Period in years which the Council think necessary for securing the demolition of all the houses in (a) ..5..

Part 2. Orders already made etc.

(c) Number of houses in (a) in clearance areas and already covered by operative clearance or compulsory purchase orders or owned by local authority ..Nil..

(d) Number of houses which are already in clearance areas and for which clearance or compulsory purchase orders have been submitted to the Minister but have not yet become operative. ..Nil..

Part 3. Action in the first five years.

(e) Number of houses which are already in clearance areas and for which clearance or compulsory purchase orders are to be made or which are to be purchased by agreement within the five years. ..Nil..

(f) Number of houses which are to be included in clearance areas still to be declared and which within the five years will be owned by the local authority or will have been included in a clearance order or a compulsory purchase order submitted to the Minister. ..31..

(g) Number of houses under (c), (d), (e) and (f) to be patched (if necessary) and retained within the five years under section 2 of the Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954, for temporary accommodation. ..Nil..

(h) Number of houses under (c), (d), (e) and (f) to be demolished in the five years ..31..

(i) Number of houses (including those already comprised in operative demolition orders) to be demolished in the five years as a result of action under section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936. ..2..

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR:-

(1)	(a)	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts.)	61
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	124
(2)	(a)	Number of dwelling-houses (included under (sub-head) (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932.	Nil
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	Nil
(3)		Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	36

CLEARANCE AREAS (Housing Act, 1936 and Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954)

		Number of dwelling-houses demolished in the period		Number of persons displaced
		Unfit Houses	Other Houses	
(1)	Land coloured pink & pink hatched yellow	Nil	Nil	Nil
(2)	Land coloured grey	Nil	Nil	Nil

HOUSES NOT INCLUDED IN CLEARANCE AREAS

		Houses demolished or closed in the period	Number of Houses	Number of Persons dis.
(1)		Housing Act, 1936		
	(a)	Demolished as a result of formal or informal procedure (Section 11)	Nil	Nil
	(b)	Closed in pursuance of an under-taking given by owners under Section 11 and still in force	Nil	Nil
	(c)	Parts of building closed (Section 12)	Nil	Nil
(2)		Housing Act, 1949		
		Closed as a result of closing orders under Sections 10 (1) & 11 (2)	Nil	Nil

		REPAIRS in the period	Number of houses
(1)		Unfit houses rendered fit and houses in which defects were remedied during the period as a result of informal action by the local authority under the Housing or Public Health Acts.	41
(2)		Public Health Acts - action after service of formal notice - Houses in which defects were remedied	
	(a)	By owners	2
	(b)	By local authority in default of owners	Nil
(3)		Housing Act, 1936 - action after service of formal notice Sections, 9,10,11 & 16	
		Houses made fit	
	(a)	By Owners	Nil
	(b)	By local authority in default of owners	Nil
(4)		Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954	
		Houses reconstructed, enlarged or improved & Demolition Orders revoked (Section 5)	Nil

UNFIT HOUSES IN TEMPORARY USE (Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954)

Position at end of period	Number of houses
(a) Houses retained for temporary accommodation and approved for grant under Section 7	Nil
(b) Separate dwellings contained in (a) above	Nil
(c) Houses licensed for temporary occupation (Sect.6)	Nil

PURCHASES OF HOUSES BY AGREEMENT	Number of houses
Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders, purchased in the period.	Nil

HOUSING ACT, 1936 - PART IV - OVERCROWDING:-

(a)	(1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year	Nil
	(2) Number of families dwelling therein	Nil
	(3) Number of persons dwelling therein	Nil
(b)	(1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during year	1
	(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases	6

HOUSING ACT, 1949

(a) Number of applications for reconditioning grants	3
(b) Number of applications approved	Nil
(c) Number of applications refused	3

NEW HOUSES

Number of applications for Council houses at the end of the year	184
Local Authority houses completed during the year	14
Local authority houses under construction at the end of the year	6
Private enterprise houses completed during the year	222
Private enterprise houses under construction at the end of the year	190
Total number of post war houses completed by	
(a) Local Authority	206
(b) Private enterprise	478

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

MILK SUPPLY:

(1) Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949:-

Dairies.....	Number on Register	1
	Number of Inspections made	Nil
Distributors..	Number on Register	4
	Number of Inspections made	Nil

(2) Milk (Special Designations) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949:-

Dealers licences issued ..	Pasteurised ..	2
Dealers licences issued ..	Sterilised ..	1
Supplementary licences issued ..	Pasteurised ..	3
Supplementary licences issued ..	Sterilised ..	3

(3) Milk (Special Designations) (Raw Milk) Regulations 1949:-

Licences issued	Dealers ..	1
Licences issued	Supplementary ..	2

(4) Biological Examination of Milk:-

Thirty samples of milk were taken from one herd for examination to detect the presence of Brucella Abortus. All samples were shown to be uninfected.

One sample of bulked milk was examined and found to be satisfactory.

ICE CREAM:

No premises are registered for the manufacture of ice cream.

Nine premises are registered for the sale of ice cream. No sampling was carried out during the year.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS:

There are three licensed slaughterhouses in the area. 2,994 animals were slaughtered during the year and all were examined.

Thirteen inspections of meat shops were made, and ten inspections carried out of premises where food other than meat is prepared for sale.

Carcases Inspected and Condemned

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	276	34	233	2082	369	-
Number inspected	276	34	233	2082	369	-
All Diseases except Tuberculosis						
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	3	1	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	68	14	-	37	5	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis	24.6	41.1	1.3	1.8	1.4	-
Tuberculosis only						
Whole carcases condemned	1	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	37	12	-	-	13	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	13.8	35.2	-	-	3.5	-
Cysticercosis						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	2	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	2	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 AND 1948

PART I

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspector)

PREMISES (1)	Number on Register (3)	Number of Inspections (4)	Number of Written notices (5)	Number of Occupiers prosecuted (6)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	2	Nil	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	28	Nil	Nil	Nil
(iii) Other Premises in which Sect. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL ...	30	Nil	Nil	Nil

2. CASES in which DEFECTS were found

PARTICULARS (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found: Found (3)	Remedied (4)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (5)	Referred By H.M. Inspector (6)	Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (7)
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Overcrowding (S.2)					
Unreasonable temperature(S.3)					
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)					
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)					
Sanitary conveniences (S.7) (a) Insufficient					
(b) Unsuitable or defective					
(c) Not separate for sexes					
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)					
TOTAL	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

OUTWORK (Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work (1)	Section 110: No.of out-workers in August list required By Sect. 110 (1) (c) (3)	No.of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (4)	No.of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (5)	Section 111: No.of instances of work in unwholesome premises (6)	Notices served (7)	Prosecutions (8)
Wearing apparel:- Making etc	29	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil